

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268

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In the Matter of:

Halsey \_\_\_\_\_, Nebraska 69142  
Post Office State ZIP Code

POSTAL REGULATORY  
COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
Docket No: 1366007-69142  
A 2012-98

Mr. Coffman \_\_\_\_\_, Petitioner(s)

## PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the Halsey post office. The Final Determination was posted December 12, 2011 (date)

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of the determination.

3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

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January 10, 2012

Office of the Secretary  
Postal Regulatory Commission  
901 New York Ave, NW, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20268

**Regarding Docket #1366007-69142**

This is my participant statement regarding the closing of the Halsey, NE 69142 USPS located on the main street of Halsey, Thomas Co., Nebraska, 69142. Please take the time to read and help us save our Post Office!

To whom it may concern,

My name is Mic Coffman I live in Halsey Nebraska and have a P O Box at the Halsey Post Office. Halsey is a small town but we do have an Elementary School, Church, Motel, Two Construction Business, Bar/Restaurant, Local Entroproneurs, the Nebraska State 4-H Camp, as well as the Bessley National Forest & Nursery.

I received and filled out the questioner, as well as attended the town hall meeting June 29, 2011... regarding possible closer of the Halsey post Office, these points were raised and are yet unanswered:

1. Halsey Post Office has the capacity for expansion should the Purdum Office close, & this seems to have never been addressed or given consideration
2. If our addresses would change or not.
3. Mail delivery: Will we receive home delivery..., put up CBUs..., or have mail boxes only on the line of travel?
4. Acknowledging the number of additional route customers... as well as existing route customers. This route from Thedford to Halsey will change from a transportation route to a mail delivery route, there for gaining a greater number of customers
5. The inconvenience of having to travel 17 miles one way to pick up & mail packages.
6. If this would affect or delay the delivery of our mail.
7. Not acknowledging that the Halsey Post Office has a postage meter customer.
8. Over burdening the route carrier...Will USPS provide him or her with the proper training to become a postmaster on wheels

The representative of the USPS... Kathy Hand, who was the mediator of our meeting and whose signature appears on this docket was unorganized, contradictive and displayed discrepancies in her presentation as well as her answers to our questions. This shows up time & time again in this docket! I also attended the town hall meeting concerning the possible closure of the Purdum, Nebraska 69157 USPS on Nov. 3, 2011. This meeting was monitored by USPS...Kevin Allard. In his statement he commented on the possible closer of the North Platte Distribution Center and our mail being sorted in Cheyenne WY. How is this not going to delay our mail? I know for a fact something has already changed by the delay of delivery on **ALL Classes of Mail!** Another change noticed is that my letters are not being canceled at the Halsey Post Office like they used to be? Is this the Post Offices way of trying to cover up the fact that our mail is already being redirected? I know how long it takes a letter or package to get from one end to the other...I've lived here or in the area all my life! In Judge Judy's own words, "Don't pee in my hand... and then try to tell me it's raining!"

The Route Carrier travels from Halsey to Purdum... which is 14 miles North of Halsey..., then delivers to the rural customers. Some customers only get their mail every other day. The longest route covers 154 miles round trip from customers back to Thedford, Nebraska! Purdum's businesses include a Bank, Well Drilling Business, Feed & General Store, as well as a Church. Closing both Post Offices would require some customers to travel up to 50 miles one way to the nearest Post Office..., Thedford, Dunning, Ainsworth or Valentine! It is very hard for me to believe that someone from Washington, DC... would travel that distance to mail or to pick up a package! Halsey and Purdum are located in the Sandhills region of Nebraska, our main resource is agriculture and any other businesses or governmentally run agencies are a necessity to keep our community alive and thriving! The USPS in Halsey is not only a meeting place but also a public service and contributes to our livelihood... which has been established and counted on for 100 years or more! This is our American way of life...and it was all started by the Pony Express! I understand that cut backs must be made but to close both of these offices is simply too much for one area.

Take a good look at this docket and please check for inconsistencies. I hope that you will take serious consideration and change your mind about closing the Halsey Post Office...Halsey, Nebraska 69142!

Thank you for your time and attention.

*Mic Coffman*